



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:) Examiner: KIM, Young J.
RAMIREZ-VICK, Jaime E.) Art Unit: 1637
Application Serial No. 10/029,113) Confirmation No. 2617
Filed: December 19, 2001) Attorney's Docket No. 25527-0001 C1
For: REVERSIBLE BINDING OF) Customer No. 25213
MOLECULES TO METAL)
SUBSTRATES THROUGH AFFINITY)
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment accompanies a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-indicated application, and is responsive to the Final Office Action mailed on May 23, 2005. This response is timely filed, being mailed within three-months from the date of mailing of the Final Office Action.

Please consider the following remarks.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 6.